Schauer

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electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID EXTENDERS ACT OF 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce taxpayer burdens and enhance taxpayer protections, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amend-

ments.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 2.

[Roll No. 626] YEAS—409

not voting 22, as follows:

Ackerman Castle Foxx Castor (FL) Aderholt Frank (MA) Adler (NJ) Chaffetz Franks (AZ) Chandler Frelinghuysen Akin Alexander Childers Fudge Altmire Chu Gallegly Clarke Andrews Garamendi Arcuri Clay Garrett (NJ) Austria Cleaver Gerlach Clyburn Giffords Baca Bachmann Coble Gingrey (GA) Coffman (CO) Bachus Gohmert Baldwin Cole Gonzalez Barrett (SC) Conaway Goodlatte Connolly (VA) Gordon (TN) Barrow Bartlett Convers Graves (GA) Barton (TX) Cooper Graves (MO) Costa Bean Gravson Becerra Costello Green, Al Berkley Courtney Green, Gene Crenshaw Grijalva Berman Biggert Critz Guthrie Bilbray Crowley Gutierrez Cuellar Hall (NY) Bilirakis Bishop (GA) Culberson Hall (TX) Bishop (NY) Cummings Halvorson Bishop (UT) Dahlkemper Hare Blackburn Davis (AL) Harman Blumenauer Davis (CA) Harper Boccieri Davis (IL) Hastings (FL) Bonner Bono Mack Davis (KY) Hastings (WA) Davis (TN) Heinrich Boozman DeFazio Heller Boren DeGette Hensarling Boswell DeLauro Herger Herseth Sandlin Boustany Dent Brady (PA) Deutch Higgins Brady (TX) Diaz-Balart, L Hill Himes Braley (IA) Diaz-Balart, M. Bright Dicks Hinchey Broun (GA) Dingell Hinoiosa Brown (SC) Djou Hirono Doggett Brown, Corrine Hodes Brown-Waite, Donnelly (IN) Hoekstra Ginny Doyle Holden Buchanan Dreier Holt Honda Driehaus Burgess Burton (IN) Duncan Hoyer Edwards (MD) Butterfield Hunter Inglis Edwards (TX) Buyer Calvert Ehlers Inslee Camp Ellison Israel Campbell Ellsworth Issa Jackson (IL) Cantor Emerson Cao Engel Jackson Lee Capito Eshoo (TX) Etheridge Jenkins Capps Johnson (GA) Capuano Farr Cardoza Fattah Johnson (IL) Carnahan Filner Johnson, E. B. Carney Fleming Johnson, Sam Carson (IN) Forbes Jordan (OH) Carter Fortenberry Foster Cassidy Kagen

Kaptur Moore (KS) Schiff Schmidt Kennedy Moore (WI) Kildee Moran (VA) Schock Kilpatrick (MI) Murphy (CT) Schrader Kilroy Murphy (NY) Schwartz Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Tim Kind Scott (GA) King (IA) Scott (VA) King (NY) Myrick Sensenbrenner Nadler (NY) Kingston Serrano Kirkpatrick (AZ) Napolitano Sessions Kissell Neal (MA) Sestak Klein (FL) Neugebauer Shadegg Shea-Porter Kline (MN) Nunes Kosmas Nve Sherman Kratovil Oberstar Shimkus Kucinich Obey Shuster Lamborn Olson Simpson Olver Sires Lance Langevin OrtizSlaughter Smith (NE) Larsen (WA) Owens Larson (CT) Smith (NJ) Pallone Latham Pascrell Smith (TX) LaTourette Pastor (AZ) Smith (WA) Latta Paul Snyder Lee (CA) Paulsen Space Lee (NY) Pavne Speier Pence Spratt Levin Lewis (CA) Perlmutter Stark Lewis (GA) Perriello Stearns Lipinski Peters Stupak LoBiondo Peterson Stutzman Loebsack Petri Sullivan Pingree (ME) Lofgren, Zoe Sutton Lowey Pitts Tanner Platts Tavlor Lucas Luetkemeyer Poe (TX) Teague Terry Thompson (CA) Luján Polis (CO) Lummis Pomerov Lungren, Daniel Posey Thompson (MS) Price (GA) E. Thompson (PA) Thornberry Lynch Price (NC) Quigley Tiahrt Mack Maffei Rahall Tiberi Tierney Maloney Rangel Manzullo Reed Titus Markey (CO) Rehberg Tonko Markey (MA) Reichert Towns Marshall Reves Tsongas Richardson Matheson Turner Matsui Rodriguez Upton McCarthy (CA) Roe (TN) Van Hollen McCarthy (NY) Rogers (AL) Velázquez McCaul Rogers (KY) Visclosky McCollum McCotter Rogers (MI) Walden Rohrabacher Walz McDermott Rooney Wamp Ros-Lehtinen McGovern Wasserman McHenry Roskam Schultz Waters McIntvre Rothman (N.I) McKeon Watt McMahon Rovbal-Allard Waxman McNerney Royce Weiner Meeks (NY) Ruppersberger Welch Melancon Westmoreland Rush Ryan (OH) Mica Whitfield Wilson (OH) Michaud Rvan (WI) Miller (FL) Wilson (SC) Salazar Miller (MI) Sánchez, Linda Wittman Miller (NC) T. Wolf Miller, Gary Sanchez, Loretta Woolsey Miller, George Sarbanes Yarmuth Young (AK) Minnick Scalise Schakowsky Young (FL)

NAYS—2 McClintock

Baird

NOT VOTING—22

Berry Flake Moran (KS) Blunt Granger Putnam Griffith Boehner Radanovich Linder Marchant Boucher Shuler Boyd Skelton Cohen McMorris Watson Delahunt Rodgers Wu Meek (FL) Fallin

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr.
BLUMENAUER) (during the vote). There
are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Messrs. FRANK of Massachusetts and DAVIS of Tennessee changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 626 I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has been made aware of a valid basis for the gentlewoman from California's point of personal privilege.

The gentlewoman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. WATERS. To the Members, I will only take about 7 or 8 minutes. I know that they are anxious to go home.

On Tuesday, I introduced a privileged resolution that calls for a bipartisan task force to investigate the disciplinary action taken against two professional staff members of the Ethics Committee. Since then, I have had a chance to speak with dozens of Members regarding concerns about the ethics process and the impact it has on this institution.

Regardless of region or political ideology, they all agreed that we must take every opportunity we can to improve the ethics process and, by extension, increase the faith of the American people in our ability to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct.

We now have such an opportunity. There have been press reports of misconduct by the committee attorneys responsible for handling my case, which has been with the committee for almost 1½ years. Although we do not know the circumstances surrounding their conduct nor the disciplinary action taken against them, we can all

agree, as Majority Leader HOYER stated

last week, that the developments are "troubling."

To be sure, this issue is of great concern to me. However, after talking to Members, I have confirmed that it is also of great concern to you—my colleagues and friends—because the issue of transparency and fairness in the ethics process is one that transcends any individual.

What is at stake is the integrity of this institution that we all cherish and of which we are privileged to be a part.

If information regarding this matter is not made public, we will continue to see press reports and commentators across the political spectrum publicly criticizing the ethics process. Allow me to read you some of the press quotes on this issue.

"You have ethics issues in the Ethics Committee. These two attorneys are left on the government payroll. We still don't even know why they dismissed them." This is from "The Willis Report," Fox Business, 12/1/10.